

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1873

THE CUBAN DIFFICULTY .- The Washington Republican of this morning says: It may be soon retire from Madrid. This action is not the direct result of unfriendly relations growing out of the diplomatic negotiations between the United States and Spain. It is rather the result of General Sickles' own action and the consequence of the construction placed by him upon the manner in which those negotiations have been carried on. It is unofficially aunounced that his intercourse with the Spanish Foreign office has been of such a character as to impair his usefulness, and it is believed that this will be the cause assigned for his retire-

It may also be positively announced that the Virginius will be surrendered to the United States, by being delivered into the custody of the United States navy within a few days. The Government has renewed assurances not only of the sincerity of the Castelar Government in making the promises embraced in the Polo-Fish protocol, but in its ability to execute them. The assurrances regarding the latter points, are based upon the knowledge that the Virginius is now virtually under the control of the Spanish pavy, which is understood to be loyal to the Madrid Government.

The Government has received an informal proposition for an amendment to the protocol which has been rejected. It was the result of suggestions from leading members of the Casino Ispanol, and was therefore accepted as an offer of compromise from the Volunteers. The Madrid Government had no formal connection with it whatever.

The surviving members of the Virginius crew now at Santiago, will be returned to the jurisdiction of the United States at, if not before the time of the surrender of the vessel.

At the Western Lunatic Asylum, Staunton, there are now 181 male and 152 female patients. Dr. Stribling, who was recently re-elected, thinks the erection of another asylum very important, as he estimates that there are fully three hundred insane white persons in Virginia who are uncared for, and many of them homeless and friendless wanderers.

The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg News, says :- "It is stated by members of the Legislature who are present in the city today, that Mr. James Barbour, of Culpeper, will be a formidable candidate for the United States Senatorship, and that he will start out with twenty-five or thirty votes."

Jas. P. Reiley, of Winchester, having been indicated by the remaining members of the Conservative State Executive Committee, from the Eighth Congressional District, has been appointed a member of the committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Samuel W. Thomas, of Warren.

The Richmond Whig says that Dr. Ruffaer, the able and efficient Superintendent of Public Instruction in this State, has no rival for the position thus far.

Attorney General Taylor decides that the President of the Board of Education must elect the county school Superintendents, who are to enter into office January 1st, 1874.

Mr. John F. Wall, of Winchester, who was a member of the last Legislature, is a candidate for doorkeeper of the House of Delegates this

In the election which has just taken place in Texas the State has gone Democratic by forty thousand majority.

TRUST MORTGAGE. - The Recorder of Deeds yesterday received for record a copy of the trust mortgage of the A. & W. Sprague Manufactuting Company, of Rhode Island, wherein they turn over all the property belonging to the firm, and the individual members thereof. to Zachariah Chaffee in trust for the benefit of their creditors.

The text of the document is in print, and covers nearly four sides of extra size cap paper. The total amount of indebtedness is acknowledged to be fourteen million dollars, for the liquidation of which sixteen thousand five hundred promissory notes are given, all payable within three years after January 1, 1874, bearing interest at seven and three-tenths per cent.

These notes are drawn as follows: Two thousand of \$50 each; three thousand of \$100 three thousand of \$200 each; three thousand of \$500 each; four thousand of \$1,000 each, and fifteen hundred of \$5,000 each, the work at the mills to be carried on in the meanwhile, and all property to be exempt from attachment until the maturity of the notes.

The mortgage is signed by Amasa Sprague, treasurer of the A. & W. Sprague Manufacturing Company; William Sprague, Amasa Sprague, Mary Sprague, Fannie Sprague, and A. & W. Sprague, and it would have required \$14,000 worth of stamps were that tax now in force. - Washington Chronicle.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY'S Southern Connections .- J. Edgar Thomson, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has gone south on a personal inspection of the "Richmond and Danville" and "Atlanta Air-line" railroads, which compose a portion of the lines of railroads now belonging to the Southern Railway Security Company. It is intended, if possible, to perfect a permanent arrangement of an unbroken all rail line of com munication for freight and passengers from prominent cities and points in the South with the railroads controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, from New York and Philadelphia, and points north and west of Harrisburg via the Northern Central railway, Baltimore and Potomac railroad and Alexandria and Fredericksburg railway.

A London dispatch gives the sequel to the Ville du Havre disaster. The colliding ship, the Loch Earn, also went to the bottom of the opulent and enterprising firm of Hooper & resignation. erew abandoned her and were brought to Plymouth yesterday. If the captain of the Local most imposing effect. At least a thousand his resignation as Minister, in consequence of a Plann is to be held in Washington December 9.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

VERSAILLES, Dec 6 .- In the Bazaine court martial to-day, M. Pourcert brought his argument for the prosecution to a close. He demanded, first, the degradation of the accused. and afterward his execution. Lachaud began the closing argument for the defence.

MADRID, Dec. 7 .- It is said the Government has issued peremptory orders to the fleet to attack Carragena in conjunction with the land

Estella has been entirely abandoned by Government forces on account of prevalence of mallpox and cholera.

ROME, Dec. 7.-It is said that in the Consistory to be held on the 22d inst., eleven cardinials will be created, and nuncios to Madrid, Lisbon, Vienna and Paris, will be appointed. HAVANA, Dec. 5-The revolution in Yucatan continues. Five hundred Federal soldiers left Vera Cruz for Progresso on the steamship City of Mexico. When they arrived the revolutionists refused to allow them to land, but at the end of the third day gave their consent. It is believed, now that the Federal Governpositively announced that Minister Sickles will ment has taken action against Vasquez, that the rebellion will be quelled.

Death of Judge Underwood.

Judge J. C. Underwood died last night at 11 o'clock of a congestive chill, at his residence. No. 226 3d street. He was ailing but an hour or so, and almost before the nature of his malady was apprehended he was a corpse, although the best medical assistance was summoned. He was 65 years of age.

Judge Underwood was in perfect health yes terday, and indeed seemed to his friends in better spirits than ever. He visited Howard University yesterday afternoon and made calls on several members of the faculty, and while there "elt what he termed a "chilly feeling," and without completing the purposes of his visit he returned to his home. He then complained of severe pains in his limbs, and took a warm bath, after which he retired. Heavy breathing then attracted the members of his family, who summoned Drs. Wharton and Boyle, the former arriving before his death, and the latter only in time to pronounce him dead.

The career of the deceased was an eventful one. He was born in Litchfield, Herkimer county, N. Y., and long before the late war purchased land in Clarke county, Virginia, where he for years resided. In 1856 he was a delegate to the convention which nominated Fremont for the Presidency. He then went to New York city and remained there until 1861, as the Secretary of the Emigrant Aid and Homestead Company, a society formed for the purpose of settling and selling Southers laeds. In 1861 he was appointed Consul to Callao, Peru, which he declined, to accept the position of Fifth Auditor of the Treasury Department, and while holding that position he received the appointment of Judge of the District Court of Virginia. His career has since become a part almost of "War History," principally from his charges to juries in opening the sessions of the District Court in Richmond, Va. He was better known latterly in these parts as the defendant in the McVeigh suits in Alexandria, which were brought to recover property confis cated by act of Congress.

The funeral will take place to morrow at 2 p. m., from his late residence on Third streetand the interment will be made by Harvey, according to his express wishes, beside a classmate and intimate friend in the Congressional Cemetery.

He leaves a wife, son and daughter. - Wash. Chronicle.

LOUDOUN COUNTY ITEMS. - From the Leesdurg Washingtonian. |-Quite an unusual incibent occurred last Thursday night at the M. E. Church, colored. It had been announced several days previous that a young colored gent, named Henry Oden Gray, would lead to the alter Miss Lulu Hudnel, the reigning beile among the colored portion of our population. Long before 8 o'cleck, the time set for ticing the fatal knot, the building was filled to its utmost. Colored and white alike were represented, and at one time great uneasiness was felt about the galleries (which were not the most substantial in the world) standing the immense weight upon them. Notwithstanding the packed condition and the heat consequent. the congregation waited patiently the arrival of the contracting parties. A few minutes to 8 o'clock Rev. Wm. Robey, the minister who had been engaged to perform the ceremony. arose and said that he was extremely sorry, and it made him feel sad, to announce that he had just received a note from Miss Hudnel, the bride elect, saying that she had declined to be the wife of Mr. H. O. Gray, and that, therefore, there would be no wedding. There was a rush for the door, and a few minutes after the building was empty. Various were the conjectures as to the cause of the failure of Miss Hudnel to come to time, but conjecture, as usual, could not solve the mystery.

Cupid is a Knavish lad,

Thus to make poor females mad. Public meetings will be held at Purcellville, Wednesday, December 10th, 2 p. w., Snickersville, Thursday, December 11th, 2 p. m., of the friends of the W. & O. R. R. in favor of laying the track to Purcellville, and extending the road to Snickersville, which will be addressed by the Pre-ident of the company, Henry Heaton, J. M. Kilgour, and others. A full attendance is desired, that effective measures may be devised for pushing on the work .-Should the weather be unfavorable, the meetings will be held the first fair days thereafter.

In October last a horse was stolen from Mr. James Heaton, of this county, by Edward Twyman, a colored man from Madison county. He carried the horse to Rappahannock county. The horse was recovered last week, and the thief was arrested in Culpeper county and brought to our jail on Monday last. He will probably be tried at January Circuit Court.

On last Monday morning, while Col. John W. Fairfax's carriage was standing at the Post Office, his horses became restless, turned short in the street, causing his carriage to upset, and

breaking it in several places. The house of Mr. Jacob Scott, of Waterford, was broken into on Sunday last while the

family was absent. No damage was done. REAL ESTATE IN CLARKE COUNTY .-- On Thursday the 27th ult., A. W. McDonald and R. T. Barton, special commissioners, sold the farm of J. M. Cobb, lying in Chapel township, and containing 137 acres, to James Russell, of Winchester, for \$3,100. On Friday, 28th ult., Wm, Byrd and A. Moore jr., special commissioners, sold 20 acres of Beverly Randolph's as to the programme, it can now be asserted farm at \$20 per acre; purchaser, Jas. Russell. of Winchester. Same day, D. H. McGuire and S. J. C. Moore special commissioners, sold 120 acres of the Berry's Ferry property at \$32 per acre, and 600 acres of mountain land belonging to the same estate at \$1.53 per acre; purchaser, Albert Else. On Saturday, 29th ult., A. Moore, jr. special commissioner, sold 60 acres of land belonging to the Russell estate to Jas. Russell, of this county, at \$13.50 per acre. - Clarke Co. Courier.

BOARDING HOUSE FOR FACTORY GIRLS .-On Wednesday evening last the flourishing town of Woodberry, near Baltimore, was thronged with visitors to witness the formal opening of the large hotel built there by the is no reference to the subject of his alleged

Cuban Affairs. [Special to the Baltimore American.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. - The Madrid Government did not make a formal request for a modification of the terms of the protocol with regard to the delivery of the Virginius, but simply forwarded here a dispatch from Captain General Jovellar, suggesting the advisibility of placing the vessel in the hands of a neutral power sulject to arbitration. A copy of this dispatch had previously been received here by Admiral Polo direct from Havana, and was the subject of a conference between Secretary Fish and several members of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. It was decided that this Government could not accept any such proposition, and this determination instead of increasing the excitement at Havana appears to have aliayed it. There seems to be little doubt now but that the Virginius will be quietly towed out of the harbor of Havana and delivered up to our fleet, and if any trouble arises it will be confined to the Spaniards on the island, a matter with which we can show no concession. It is reported that Minister Sickles has resigned and will start homeward in a day or two.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.-The advices from Havana, published this morning, are more favorable to a peaceful settlement of the Vir ginius question, and the war cloud which impended yesterday gives indications of lifting. That the Virginius was not surrendered at Havana last week is doubtless, owing, as heretofere stated in these dispatches, to the excited state of the populace there. Castelar's dispatch announcing "the terms of the delivery in the port of Havana' is said to have "eaused the greatest surprise among the Spaniards, who expected a contrary course would be taken," and Captain General Jovellar had previously relegraphed to Madrid that "the people were unanimously opposed to the steamer's surrender." In view of these facts, the Madrid Goveroment doubtless asked, and this Government granted, an extension of time, both parties desiring to avoid being dragged into hostilities through the acts of the Spaniards in Cuba.

When the terms of the protocol were under discussion Admiral Polo on behalf of the Spanish Government, suggested that the question of the surrender of the vessel be left to the arbitration of a third party, before whom Spain and the United States should present their respective claims. This proposition was rejected by Secretary Fish who insisted, as a preliminary step in the negotiations, that the vessel should be surrendered to this Government. Whether Spain has or has not proof that the Virginius had no right to carry American papers and fly the American flag, is a matter of no consequence at the present time, and no amount of such proof would cause this Government to relinguish its demands for the surrender of the vessel. The Virginius was under the American flag at the time of her capture. and had American papers, and neither Spain nor a third party can be permitted to go behind these facts. If, after the surrender of the Virginius, it can be proved that she was not an American vessel, and that the use of the American flag and American papers was illegal, she will, after conviction before the United States authorities be coeffscated to this Government. It should also be remembered, as important

in this connection that the protocol signed on the 28th of November last is a modification of our original demands, and that the terms of the protocol were proposed by Spain and accepted by this Government. A request now from Spain for the modification of the protocol would be tantamount to an admission that the Madrid Government finds itself unable to carry out the agreement. If such be the case it will become necessary for this Government to take decisive steps to vibdicate the dational honor; and if the Havanese do not yield speedily to the Madrid authorities the case will be considered by the Cabinet on Tuesday, and no doubt sent to Congress on the following day. It may be stated, positively, that this Government will make no further concessions.

A member of the Cabinet stated in conversation with a gentleman last evening that the day had not been agreed upon for the delivery of the Virginius, but that the selection of a day was now the subject of negotiation between Secretary Fish and Admiral Polo.

It is very probable that no day has been fixed since the disturbed condition of affairs in Havana led to the abandonment of the programme originally agreed upon.

In an er to a question he stated that it was difficult to All whether Castelar was acting in good faith or not; that he (Castelar) was placed in a delicate position; if he delivered up the Virginius and enforced the agreement his Government would almost certainly be overthrown, while on the other hand a failure to do so would result is precipitation of hostilities, which he had the good sease to see would only result in the discomfiture of the Spanish arms and the ultimate loss of Cuba.

The Cabinet official stated further his opinion that hostilities were now more imminent than they were a week since. He stated positively that he believed no dispatches had been received to substantiate the rumor that Spain had confessed her inability to comply with the terms of the protocol, and that she had proposed to deliver the Virginius to a neutral power, to be held for arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 .- There is the highest authority for stating that the Castelar Government has not asked for a modification of the protecol, so that the Virginius might be placed in the custody of a third party, to awtit adjudication. This suggestion came from the Cuban authorities to Admiral Polo, and was unofficially communicated to Secretary Fish; but as stated yesterday, it did meet with the favor

of the Administration. The protocol signed by Admiral Polo, with Secretary Fish, on the 29th of November, was with the full approbation of his Government, after mature coosideration of all its consequences, and since that that time it has expressed no intimation whatever for a change of its terms. The excitement in the island of Cuba and the alleged threats concerning the Virginius gave a reasonable foundation for fear on the part of many persons that the vessel and the surviving passengers and crew would not be promptly delivered to the United States authorities, according to the terms of the agreement; but such apprehensions have not been shared by the Executive branch of our Government, for it can be positively stated that there is nothing to diminish its confidence in the sincerity of the purpose of the Spanish Government, or its ability to execute its engagements. The delay of the transactions as been unavoidable, and only recently the arrangement for the consummation of the terms has been completed. that the Virginius will be delivered to one of our naval vessels within the next ten days, at a Cuban port in open day, and the surviving passengers and crew be transferred to a United States ship at Santiago de Cuba, in an equally open manner. The vessels to perform these services will soon be, if they have not already been, designated by the Secretary of the Navy. This is the condition of affairs to-night, which has served to inspire a hope of continued peace with Spain, in order that the United States may continue to give their moral support to the Castelar Government in its efforts to establish a republic.

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News from Spain and Cuba.

Special dispatch to the Washington Chronicle. NEW YORK. Dec. S .- The Cuban question, now the foremost in American polities, is made more than ever intensely interesting by a cypher dispatch I have received to-day from Madrid, the substance of which I send the Chronicle to-night. Castelar, and the immedistesupporters of the Madrid Government, arc in a great quandary. They feel that should the demands of the United States be accepted, and an enforcement of the terms of the protocol be resorted to, they will be overthrown; on the contrary, they are aware that if they refuse they will certainly go by the board. A dispatch has been received at Madrid from Admiral Polo, in which this important official expresses his greatest surprise at the delay, and warns his Government of the consequences sure to follow a prolongation of the speedy settlement, and of failure to comply with the terms. He also expresses the opinion that the Captain General of Cuba is without ability to carry out the agreement for the surrender of the Virginius even if disposed to do so. He represents in this dispatch that the feeling among the people of Washington is generally in sympathy with Spain, but he also says that the official authorities of the Government have fully and squarely determined that unless the action of Spain is prompt in surrendering the Virginius and the prisoners the whole matter will be immediately referred to Congress, and that a declaration of war will undoubtedly follow. The last Cabinet meeting at Madrid was a very stormy and exciting one, the Cuban difficulty being under discussion. Not only among the 835. members of El Casino, but all over Madrid, the excitement is at fever heat. A defiant and warlike feeling prevails, and a majority stoutly resist making any concessions. This state of things is being sedulously cul-

tivated by the old Bourbon element of Spain. They are clamorous for a difficulty with the United States, feeling that it will hasten Castelar's overthrow, and result in their restoration. Minister Sickles' resignation will not affect the situation in any way whatever, as he has been almost ignored in the settlement of the trouble W. M. E.

[By Associated Press.]

from Paris, of December 6, says a cipher dispatch from Madrid says the Cuban question is again grave. Minister Sickles to day tendered his resignation as Minister, in consequence of a disagreement ab ut the Spanish complications. This disagreement has existed for some time. It is understood that in the recent negotiations Secretary Fish acted directly with President Castelar, ignoring Minister Sickles and disapproving of his imperative tone. The Correspondencia says they have had fre-

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place between Castelar and Salmeron, which is believed to have resulted in the restoration of harmony between the statesmen.

HAVANA, Dec. 6.-General Burriel leaves here to-morrow (Sunday) for Santiago de Cuba, to resume charge of that department. NEW YORK, Dec. 7.-It is said that the

steamer City of Merida, the fatest vessel on the coast, will be altered into a gunboat and transport to be used in case of war. There is quantity of ship timber now on her wharf which, it, is said, will be used to strengthen her so that she can carry sixty-two pounders-NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Herald's special from Havana says the American consulate is guarded by troops. An attempt was made Thursday night to burn the Virginius. Regular soldiers have been put on board to protect

London, Dec. 8-6 a. m .-- A special to the News from Madrid says a Cabinet crisis is imminent, Great indignation is manifested at President Grant's message and Castelar's alleged pandering to the United States.

A Times' dispatch from Cartagena says all the vessels of the blockading squadron, except the Zaregaza, have returned off the harbor.

THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAIL-ROAD. - We understand that the holders of the First Mortgage Bonds of the Eastern Divison of this road, are commencing proceedings to foreclose. Meantime the road has been leas ed to the Hannibal and St. Joseph R. R. Company, which lease is for one year, ending Novvember 1st, 1874. The lessees are to pay all operating expenses and turn over the net earnings to the Treasurer of the St. Joseph and Denver City RR. Company, to be applied to wages due to employees, the road and equipment to be returned at the expiration of the lease, in as good condition as when received. The St. Joseph and Denver Company is to designate the Superintendent and a Treasurer to adjust the accounts. - New York Post.

CIVIL RIGHTS .-- The colored Radicals of Culpeper county, held a large meeting last Friday in the Antioch Baptist church at Culpeper. H. L. Harris, of Alexandria, was elected president, Admiral Polo has lately received a commu- and Samuel Asher secretary. A resolution was offered and adopted, claiming the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the amendments ocean. The "British Queen" fell in with the disabled ship on the 29th ult. She was then in a sinking condition, and her officers and creek in a sinking condition, and her officers and creek in their extensive mills. Carriages lined the street in front of the edifice, which creek abandoned her and were brought to Pin.

ROBBERY OF THE MAILS. - The report of Postmaster General Creswell, to be submitted | Alexandria Market, December 8, 173. of recorded complaints for the past year of missing letters was, 6,160, of which 3 980 were unregistered and 2,180 registered, containing in the former, as reported, in bonds, drafts and currency. \$309,123,53, and in the latter, \$70,-421.91. Of the registered letters, 899 were accounted for, 343 are reported as actually lost, and 973 are still in the hands of special agents for investigation. During the year 302 persons were arrested for various offenses against the postal laws and regulations. Of these 94 have been convicted, 28 have been acquitted. 193 are awaiting trial, and 95 have been discharged for want of proof sufficient to insure conviction. It is amazing, Mr. Creswell thinks, that so many persons will persist in sending money through the mails, thereby subjecting themselves and the public to risk, and tempting the weak to dishonesty and ruin, when the department provides the means of safe transmission by money orders at an insignificant cost. Some of the most experienced officers in the service, he adds, are of the opinion that Cougress should adopt such legislation as will prevent the use of the mails for the conveyance of money in letters, and compel the registration of every valuable package. - Lynch. News.

DISASTERS BY FIRE. - The season in which lisasters by fire are more than usually liable to occur is now upon us, and it is well for families to exercise more than ordinary care for their prevention. The telegraph yesterday reported the following fires in various parts of the country: The Pembroke House and stable at Concord, N. H., with seventeen horses, loss \$10, 000; three of the principal business houses in the town of Laos, near St. Joseph, Mo., burned with their contents, loss \$30,000; errriage and machine shop in the Maine State prison at Thomaston, loss \$20,000; part of business block in Springfield, Mass, loss \$15,000; the Morgan Envelope Company having 3 000,000 United States postal cards badly damaged by water; a factory in Halifax, N. S., los-\$150,000 and three persons killed by falling walls. At Fort Garey, Manitoba, Thursday night, a destructive fire occurred, by which the Parlia ment building was totally consumed. All the books and official documents were saved.

JUDGES ELECTED OR APPOINTED .-- In the New York November election an amendment to the constitution was submitted to the people, changing the tenure of the office of judges from election by the people to appointment. The amendment providing for the appointment of judges of the higher courts received only 115,337 votes, while 319,979 were east against it, a majority for the present system of 204.642 The amendment for the appointing of county judges did not fare so well even as this, for on a smaller vote the majority against it was 208,

How to Live Economically.

The problem of how to economize in living is one that engages the serious attention of a great many people. "Many a little makes a mickle" was one of Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard" truisms that summarizes the whole system of popular extravagance. If you wish to save money, economize in little as well as in large items of expenditure. For all the household purposes for which polishing powders, Bath brick and soap are usually used, excepting the one thing of washing clothes. Sapolio is by many times the cheapest article that can be em-NEW YORK. Dec. 7.—The Herald's special ployed. To say nothing about its great supeber this fact and save many dollars every year.

RAILROAD RECEIPTS.

The following were the receipts by the W. C. V. M. & G. S. R. R. during the past week: Corn 2395 bushels, wheat 3015, rye 100, oats 330, beans 82, peas 16, millfeed 18, ear corn 45, corn meal 90, potatoes 160, enions 25, barley 5, flax-seed 1 bag, flour 658 bbls, buckwheat flour 20 bbis and bigs, dres ed hogs 194, fresh beef 2634 bs, dressed poultry 20 bbls and boxes, whiskey 46 bbls, apples 329 bbls, butter 22 bbls and firkins, eggs 14 bbls and boxes, hay 471 bales, to-bacco 72 boxes, game 5 boxes, lard 6 firkins, ground bark 210 sacks, hides 40 bundles, lime 70 bbls and 100 bushels, dried truit 246 bbls and bags, blooms 110,641 lbs, leather 18 rolls, ground umac 23,443 lbs, beeswax 50 lbs, wool 8 sacks, fur 2 p. cks. calves, &c., 23, fowls 4 coops, garden seed 241 boxes, bacon 160 lbs, sumac 238 bags, sheep skins 76, feathers 2 sacks, rags 1096 bs, empty casks 25, handles 4 bundles, oak lumber 24,000 feet, pine lumber 21,000 feet, iron 2850 lbs, cattle 10 cars, stone 1 car, cross ties 3 cars, hoops 3 cars.

The following were the receipts by the W. & O. R. R.: Wheat 1866 bushels, corn 1021, oats 277, rye 27, meal 30, potatoes 54, apples 122 bbls, flour 39 bbls, eggs 9 bbls, butter 24 bbls and firkins, poultry 43 bbls cider 23 bbls, fowls 6 coops, calves 15 head, stock 1 car, wood 6 cars, pork 26,776 ibs, beef 1177 lbs, casting 300 lbs, plows 2, hides 12 bundles, hay 36 bales, milk 133

WANTED.

WANTED-Extra inducements offered to VV reliable, energetic men to canvass personally in the counties of Loudoun, Fairfax Prince William, Fauquier, Stafford, Culpeper, Rappa-hannock, Madison, Greene, Orange and Spot-sylvania. The WEED FAMILY FAVORITE SEWING MACHINE is acknowledged to be the most simple, durable and satisfactory machine ever used, and is undoubtedly the most saleable Sewing Machine in the market. Call in person, if possible, or address WEED S. M. CO., 409 9 h st., Washington, D. C. no 29-2w

WANTED-A quantity of WHITE OAK and HICKORY POLES 14 feet long. F. A. REED, Agent.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST-A small POURETBOOK.
reward will be paid if left with
R. W. WIRT, Ticket Agent
W. C., V. M. & G. S. R. R.

L OST-In transferring our freight last night, a white and liver-speckled POINTER DUG got loose and strayed off. A liberal reward will be paid any one returning him to the office of Adams' Express Co, north Fairfax st. dec 4-3t R. W. FALLS, Agent.

GREAT DISCOUNT IN DRESS GOODS. 75c CASHMERE at 624c. POPLINS, MERINOES, EMPRESS and all

other styles reduced 15 per cent. Special inducements offered in BLACK AL-PRETZFELDER & BENDHEIM'S DRY GOODS EMPORIUM. 144 King street.

CORSON'S VIRGINIA MINCE MEAT, THE BEST MANUFACTURED FOR SALE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER MARKET.

This may be hard to believe, but those who try it must come to that conclusion. All I ask is a trial. Put up in buckets of 15, 35 and 65 pounds.

DENTAL NOTICE-REMOVAL.

Dr. HODGKIN has removed his office to the corner of Prince and Fairfax streets, over Warfield & Hall's Drug Store.

JOHN STONE, on the Strand, near the Oyster Dock, will supply his customers with OYSTERS, fresh from the shell, at 75c per gallon. Give him a call. WM. N. BERKLEY

Has just received an addition to his stock of DRY GOODS, consisting of Cloths, Cassimeres, Linseys, Red and White Fiannels, Brack Alpacas, Bro. and Bleached, Canton Flannels, Hosiery, Shawls, &c, &c.

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RICH AND CHEAP FOOD FOR HORSES

AND COWS. GEORGE R. HILL & CO. FLOUR, Superfine \$6 50 a 7 10 HEAT, common to fair..... 1 35 a 1 55 Fair to good....... 1 15 a 1 15
 Good to prime
 1 65
 n 1 70

 Prime to choice red
 1 70
 n 1 70

 Prime to choice white
 1 70
 n 1 73
 CORN, white...... 0 72 a 0 00 Mixed 0 70 8 0 72 Yellow 0 69 a 0 70 New Corn 0 55 a 0 65 RYE..... OATS 0 44 a 0 45 BUTTER, prime 0 28 a 0 30 Common to middling 0 15 a 0 20 ONIONS 173 a 2 00 CHESTNUTS 3 50 a 4 00 DRESSED HOGS 5 50 a 6 00 BACON, Hams, country...... 0 11 a 0 123 Western 0 13 a 0 15

 Sides
 0 81 a 0 81

 Shoulders
 0 81 a 0 81

 PLASTER, ground, per ton... 7 50 a 0 (a)
Ground, in bags or barrels. 9 50 a 0 (a) Ground, in bags, returned. 8 50 a 0 00

COMMERCIAL.

REMARKS -There were no prime samples of Wheat on 'Change, and the market was inactive for the qualities offered; sales of white at 160 and 161 for good, and red at 130, 150 and 155 for common to fair, and 160 and 165 for good; offerings of 1144 bushels. Corn is quiet and unchanged; offerings of 1042 bushels mixed, with sales at 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65 and 70. Small sales of Rye at 85. Oats are active and firm : offerings light with sales at 46, 47 and 50. Ear Corn brought \$2.75 per barrel.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DECEMBER 8. SUN ROSE...... 7.04 | MOON RISES........ 9 0 sun sets.. 4.41 ARRIVED

Steamer Columbia, Baltimore, to B Wheat She reports passing six coasters in the river, bound up, four light and two loaded; four above Maryland Point, one in Narjemoy reach, and Steamer George H Stout, Philadelphia, to F

Steamer Pilot Boy, Cone river, to F A Reel. Schr M A Fish, Washington, to Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Co. Schr Reading Railroad No. 46, Washington

SAILED. Steamer Georgeanna, Baltimore, by Hooe & Johnston.

Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A Schr H L Whiton, Beston, by American Coal Company.
Schr Reading Railroad No. 46, Philadelphia, by J P Agnew.
Schr Mary E Coyne, Port Morris, by J P

Agnew. Schr Eugie, Richmond, by W A Smoot. MEMORANDA

Schr Elwood Burton, hence, at Norwich 5th. Schr Alfred Beabrook, hence at Providence

Schr Ella Amsden, from Georgetown for Boston, before reported ashore on Brigantine Shoals, N. J., h s gone to pieces. She had been prev.ously stripped of sails, riggings, &c, which were sold at auction.

CANAL COMMERCE.

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ARRIVALS. Boat Geo Hutton, to Sinclair & Agnew : Capt Weir, limestone; J Speilman, to New Central Coal Co; A Cropley, to Hampshire and Balti-more Coal Co; Moses Whitson, to Maryland

DEPARTURES. Boats Geo Hughes, L Hartley, A Thomas, P Agnew, Capt John R Masters and Jos E West.

A CARD. Washington School, Decemb r 8, 1873. To the editor of the Alexandria Gaz tte: Dear Sir: In your paper of Saturday evening last you make the statement that a pupil attending my school, next to the First National Bank, fired through Mrs. Jennings' window. This was a mistake: the person who fired the pistol was not a pupil of my school but came into the

yard without my knowledge from the street. By correcting the mistake in your next paper you will much oblige, Very respectfully,

E. E HARPER, Vice Principal. Office of the Superintendent of Public Schools, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8 1873. To the editor of the Alexandria Gaz tte: It is due to the Vice Principal of Washington School to say that the statement in Saurday's "Brevit es" that a pistol ball had been fired through the window of the room occupied by

the janitress, was not strictly correct. I have examined into the matter with some care, and am satisfied that the hole in the glass was made by a pebble from one of the "pigeon shooters" so much used by boys.

The firing of a pistol in the yard, by a boy not connected with the school, at the same instant that the glass broke, led the janitress to suppose that a ball had entered her room. The posses sion of a pistol by a pupil at a public school renders him liable to suspension. Respectfully, RICHARD L. CARNE, City Supt.

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Old Duff Gord. Sherry,
"Topaz",
"Crown "Potted Meats and
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Very respectfully.

E. L. TOLSON, Agent. dec 8-2m

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